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VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 16/1700Z TO 17/1700Z SEPTEMBER 1972

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(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 17 SEPTEMBER. 2. SIMULATED MIG-21 REACTIONS TO U.S. STRIKES. B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 2119 ON 16 SEPTEMBER AND 1637 ON 17 SEPTEMBER, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 219 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF DONG HOI, PHUC YEN, MOC CHAU, HAIPHONG, THANH HOA, HANOI, AND KEP. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIR OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN 1554 AND 1606, ONE RAID OF THREE B-52'S WAS REFLECTED OVER LAOS AND NVN IN THE DONG HOI AND DMZ AREAS. AT 0355, PROBABLE BATTALION 83 OF THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE HAIPHONG AREA, REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT AND SIGHTING ONE PARACHUTE OVER WATER. AT 0653, BATTALION 83 REPORTED THAT THE CITIZENS OF CAO LOUAN (21-30N 107-11E) HAD CAPTURED ONE PILOT. BETWEEN 2147 AND 2219, ONE GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21 WAS NOTED IN A DEFENSIVE PATROL AND RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN, BETWEEN 0838 AND 0908, TWO GIA LAM BASED MIG-21'S WERE NOTED IN A DEFENSIVE PATROL AND ONE REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A DRONE AT A DISTANCE OF 80 KILOMETERS. NO ENGAGEMENTS WERE NOTED. 2. BETWEEN 0253 AND 0328, FOUR MIG-21'S WERE NOTED IN TWO SIMULATED REACTIONS TO U.S. STRIKES NORTHEAST OF KEP AIRFIELD. AGAIN BETWEEN 0753 AND 0808, TWO SIMULATED REACTIONS BY FIVE MIG-21'S WERE NOTED TO U.S. STRIKES IN THE THAI GUYEN AREA. COMMUNICATIONS ANOMALIES SUGGEST THAT THIS WAS SIMULATED ACTIVITY.

(2) VCA/R614-72, 081300 AND FOLLOW UPS) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS THREE MIG-21 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT DURING THE 2200 HOUR AND TWO MIG-21 PILOTS WERE NOTED ON STRIP ALERT DURING THE 0700 HOUR, ALL AT PHUC YEN. 2. KEP FIGHTERS BETWEEN 2328 AND 2353, TWO MIG-17 PILOTS WERE NOTED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. 3. PHUC YEN FIGHTERS FROM 1018 TO 1042 HOURS, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 PILOTS WERE NOTED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. BETWEEN 1200 AND 1224 HOURS, ONE MIG-21 PILOT FLEW A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. TWO MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN 1251 AND 1253. 4. TRANSPORTS INTERAIRFIELD BETWEEN 0024 AND 0143, ONE AN-2 FLEW FROM GIA LAM TO KEP VIA PHUC YEN, AND WAS NOTED CARRYING CARGO. ONE UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORT FLEW FROM GIA LAM TO KEP DURING THE 1000 HOUR. 5. GIA LAM HELICOPTERS ONE POSSIBLE MI-4 PILOT ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY IN THE GIA LAM AREA DURING THE 2200 HOUR. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY-NTR C. RADAR ACTIVITY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING THE GIANT SCALE MISSION FLOWN OVER SVN, NVN, LAOS, AND THAILAND DURING THE 0300-0400 HOURS, THE BUFFALO HUNTER

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EITHER A6A OR F-105G 17 SEP

A6A LTCMOR. KENNETH R. BUELL

CMOR. VERNE G. DONNELLY

BOTH PRESUMED KIA

F-105G LT. MICHAEL S. TURKSE

CAPT. THOMAS O. ZOEN JR.

BOTH "KIA - BODIES NOT RECOVERED"

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DRONE FLOWN OVER THE THANH HOA AREA DURING THE 2300 HOUR AND THE DRONE FLOWN
OVER THE BAC GIANG AREA DURING THE 0800-0900 HOURS. THEY WERE NOT NOTED
TRACKING THE DRONE FLOWN OVER THE HANOI AREA DURING THE 2100-2200 HOUR AND THE
ONE FLOWN OVER THE KEP AREA DURING THE 0600 HOUR. D. COMMUNICATIONS
DEVELOPMENTS-NTR PART THREE, ADDENDA/CORRECTIONS-NTR XXIII 800 #3120 NHHN

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